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1. [redacted] the North Korean Ministry of Health, with its headquarters in the former North Korean cabinet building, Pyongyang, had jurisdiction over the medical bureau at Chongke-ni (冲克尼), Imwon-myŏn (125-44, 39-06) (YD 3631), the epidemic prevention bureau at Misan-ni (125-47, 39-04) (YD 4127), the military medical bureau near the headquarters of the North Korea Labor Party, and the 52 Army Hospital, reserved for North Korean casualties, at Yongsŏng (125-47, 39-07) (YD 4133). The medical bureau included a staff department, a planning department, a pharmacy department, and a women and children's department. The military medical bureau had been established in a dugout 100 meters from the Kyongchang-ni police box, on the left hand side of the road approaching the North Korea Labor Party headquarters. Soviet advisers were at the military bureau and the 52 Army Hospital. X-ray equipment had been installed by the ministry in the 52 Army Hospital and the 2 People's Hospital, Sa-nong (125-36, 39-06) (YD 2531).

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2. The health department of P'yongyang, directed by SIN Wŏn-ch'ŏl (申元陆), [redacted] with a staff of 15 persons, was in an air-raid shelter under the P'yongyang city committee building. The department controlled the 1 People's Hospital at Inhung-ni (125-45, 39-03) (YD 3825), the 2 People's Hospital at Sa-dong, medical centers in the north, south, east, and west districts of P'yongyang, and the P'yongyang Medical College at Yang-ni (126-12, 39-11) (BU 5840). Approximately 150 students were enrolled at the college.

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3. The epidemic prevention institute in the 1 People's Hospital building, directed by HAN Tong-sŏng (韩东成), [redacted] with a staff of 32 persons, consisted of inoculation, epidemic prevention, sanitation, bacteriology, and accounts sections. HAN also served as a member of the planning department of the Ministry of Health. [redacted] 55 persons in P'yongyang were epidemic victims of eruptive typhus and recurrent fever. The mortality rate was five percent. In addition, in each of the North Korean provinces 150 persons were epidemic patients, excepting in Chakang Province, which was estimated to have between 200 and 300 epidemic cases.

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4. The national emergency committee for epidemic prevention, with HONG Myong-hi¹ (洪永熙), Vice Premier of North Korea, as chairman, and YI Pyong-am (李平安), Minister of Health, as vice-chairman, had the following members:

YI Tong-hwa (李東華), chief of the medical bureau of the North Korean army general headquarters.

CHONG Il-yong (鄭一龍), Minister of Industry.

PAK Yi-hwan (朴惠寬), Minister of Transportation.

YI Tong (李東), Minister of City Planning.

YI Pil-kyu (李弼奎), Minister of Internal Affairs.

KIM O-song (金 成), Deputy Minister of Culture and Propaganda.

MO Chin-hwan (莫仁煥), Deputy Minister of Health.

HYON Hun (玄 亨), chairman of the Trade Unions Central Committee.

HAN Kuk-mo (韓 圭五), chairman of the labor department, North Korean Labor Party.

CHAE Kyu-hyong (蔡奎鎬), assistant prosecutor general.

KIM Sung-hwa (金永華), chief clerk of the military committee.

YI Tong-yong (李東用), chairman, North Korean Red Cross.

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[redacted] in accord with the committee's order [redacted] the innocu-
lation of persons and domestic animals began. Persons were issued health cer-
tificates following inoculation.

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5. The 1 People's Hospital of Pyongyang, in a basement behind the tram-shed at Hwang-ni and directed by YI U-kun (李宇根), [redacted]

[redacted] contained 11 rooms for 120 patients requiring surgical treatment. Five doctors and 25 nurses were on the hospital staff. The doctors included HWANG Yong-tok, a surgeon.

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[redacted] MIN Hwa-
yong (文 華), [redacted] head of the surgical, oph-
thalmic, and oculist staffs; PAK Chai-tok (朴 鐵德), [redacted]

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[redacted] and SIN Tal-pae (辛 達培), [redacted] head of the medical, obstetric, and pediatric staffs. The doctors, with the exception of YI U-kun, were not members of the Labor Party, although HWANG had previously been dismissed from the party. In addition to the 120 persons requiring surgery, approximately 50 persons, including three or four soldiers, were being treated each day at the hospital. The hospital did not have an adequate supply of medicine.

6. In Pyongyang penicillin in 300,000-unit lots cost 2,300 won and streptomycin 6,200 won.

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7. [redacted] a hospital for the use of Chinese Communist forces in Korea in the school building of the Kanggye Forestry College, approximately 1,000 meters southeast of the Kanggye railroad station (126-35, 40-58) (BA-9737), was staffed with ten doctors and twenty nurses from Chinese Communist units and ten doctors and five nurses from North Korean units. The hospital, [redacted] was treating approximately 300 soldiers seriously wounded on the central and eastern fronts.

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1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] HONG Myon-hi was relieved as Vice Premier of North Korea [redacted]

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